

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2008. Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1-10 stand rejected in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 13, 2009.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgement of receipt of a certified copy of the foreign priority document, and respectfully requests that an indication that "All" certified copies of priority documents have been received be made by checking boxes 12, 12(a) and 12(a)(1) in the form PTOL-90A.

The rejection of independent claims 1 and 6 as allegedly being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Takahashi et al. (US 6,354,944) is respectfully traversed. Takahashi fails to disclose or even remotely suggest each and every limitation set forth in the claims. Anticipation requires that "each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference", *Verdegaal Bro. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987) (MPEP § 2131).

Amended claim 1 (and equivalently claim 6 as well) now recites "wherein said viewpoint-location setting programmed logic circuitry sets the viewpoint-locations in such a manner so that each of operating objects selected by said selecting programmed logic circuitry is displayed to have approximately the same size, *regardless of the size of the selected operating object*". Support for the amendment can be found in Figs. 8-11 of the instant specification. Takahashi fails to disclose or suggest the above limitation.

In Takahashi, the set position of the virtual camera from the player character may depend on the size of the player character. In other words, if the player character is large, then the distance of the virtual camera from the player character is set to be large. On the other hand, if the size of the player character is small, then the distance of the virtual camera from the player character is set to be small. In Takahashi, this adjustment of the distance of the virtual camera is done for each particular player character.

However, Applicant submits that even though this adjustment achieves approximately the same size for a particular game object, regardless of its size in the progress of the game (i.e., as it moves forward in a fast way or as it stays back moving slowly), this does not necessarily imply that different player objects are made to appear to have the same size by adjusting the virtual camera position, as required by amended claims 1 and 6. In other words, Takahashi does not teach making the adjustment for each player character, so that all player characters (including those having different sizes) are displayed to have the same size. Takahashi is concerned with keeping focus on a particular player character so that its size does not change considerably regardless of its position in the game space, not on ensuring that every selected player character appears to have the same size, regardless of the size of the selected player character. In fact, Figs. 11-13 in Takahashi show multiple characters appearing to have different sizes.

In addition, Takahashi does not disclose a means corresponding to the selecting programmed logic circuitry, recited in claim 1 (and equivalently in claim 6). Moreover, Takahashi fails to teach or suggest that each of the operating objects selected by the selecting programmed logic circuitry is displayed to have approximately the same size, as discussed above.

For the above reasons, claims 1 and 6 are allowable.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 2-5 and 7-10, each being dependent from claim 1 or 6, also be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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